

## *Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Catechetical Sunday* *September 10, 2017*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 10</b>	<i>Commemoration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Catechetical Sunday</i> 9:00 am Special Intention 11:30 am 40 Day Liturgy for Joanne Keleff	Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Keleff Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 11</b>	<b>NO LITURGY</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 12</b>	10:00 am Special Intention	Req. by: Anonymous
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 13</b>	10:00 am "Coach" James Gerou	Req. by: Mary and John Tremmel
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 14</b>	<i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Actual Feast</i> 10:00 am Dorothy Habib	Req. by: Carol Hamid
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 15</b>	<i>Saints Shaina and Sassine - Confessors</i> 10:00 am Norma Halpin	Req. by: William Halpin
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 16</b>	<i>Saint Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage - Martyr</i> 10:00 am In Thanksgiving	Req. by: Anonymous
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 17</b>	<i>First Sunday after Holy Cross</i> 9:00 am For the Police and Firemen and First Responders 11:30 am 40 Day for Aida Sweeney Kamouh 40 Day for Louis Abdo Dahhan	Req. by: Family Req. by: His Children

### *Weekly Offering*

<b>Collection:</b>	<b>\$ 1,273.00</b>
<b>Special Collection:</b>	<b>\$ 915.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 118.00</b>
<b>Debt Reduction:</b>	<b>\$ 105.00</b>
 <b>Total:</b>	 <b>\$ 2,411.00</b>

### *Yearly Budget – 2017*

<i>Annual Operating Budget:</i>	<i>\$ 375,000.00</i>
<b>Collections to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 100,607.00</b>
<b>Candles to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 6,151.00</b>
<b>Donations to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 8,285.00</b>
<b>Cathedral Stipends to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 7,100.00</b>
<b>Memorials to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 2,780.00</b>
<b>Dividends to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 1,042.13</b>
<b>Rentals to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 164,945.00</b>
<b>Fund Raising/Advertising:</b>	<b>\$ 285.00</b>
<b>Debt Reduction to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 3,145.00</b>
<b>Easter /Christmas Flowers:</b>	<b>\$ 2,835.00</b>
<b>Bishop's Appeal to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 4,565.00</b>
<b>Altar Bread/Wine/Lamps:</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Bequests:</b>	<b>\$</b>
 <b>Total:</b>	 <b>\$ 301,740.13</b> <b>(- 73,259.87)</b>

Each Quarter we must generate \$93,750.00 in revenue to keep the Cathedral on budget.

### *Readings*

<b>September 10, 2017</b>	<i>Commemoration of the Exaltation of The Holy Cross Catechetical Sunday</i>
<b>Reading:</b>	<b>I Corinthians 1: 18 - 25</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>John 12: 20 - 32</b>
<b>Lectors:</b>	<b>9:00 am Raymond Gill</b> <b>11:30 am Norma Haddad - Arabic</b> <b>11:30 Melissa Safi - English</b>
 <b>September 17, 2017</b>	 <i>First Sunday after Holy Cross</i>
<b>Reading:</b>	<b>II Timothy 2: 1 - 10</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Mark 10: 35 - 45</b>
<b>Lectors:</b>	<b>9:00 am Raymond Gill</b> <b>11:30 am TBA - English</b> <b>11:30 am TBA - Arabic</b>
 <b>September 24, 2017</b>	 <i>Second Sunday after Holy Cross</i>
<b>Reading:</b>	<b>I Corinthians 15: 19 - 34</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Matthew 24: 1 - 14</b>
<b>Lectors:</b>	<b>9:00 am Raymond Gill</b> <b>11:30 am TBA - English</b> <b>11:30 am TBA - Arabic</b>

*Dear Parishioners and Friends:*

*We begin a new Catechetical year today. The theme for this new year is "Living as Missionary Disciples". This is a very powerful theme. We immediately think of the men and women religious and laity who go to remote parts of the world to evangelize. Even though that is a part of a true 'missionaries' work, it does not limit it to that.*

*We are on a journey of faith as good Catholics. Part of our journey is to become 'missionaries'. As missionaries we have a moral obligation to evangelize by becoming intentional disciples. In other words, by mere fact of our Initiation into the Church (Baptized, Chrismated and Eucharist) is not enough. We must open our hearts and minds to further study, deeper prayer, and serving as 'intentional disciples' rather than just sitting back and allowing someone else to do it.*

*I commend our Catechetical team. It is through their study and sacrifice that they aid us in this journey of faith. It is through their life experiences as well as their own personal study and prayer that allows our young children and youth to come to a more personal and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.*

*Parents must do their part as well; after all they are the first educators of their children.*

*I ask you to pray for our catechists and our children and families. Please take the prayer cards provided today and pray for our Program but most importantly pray for the Church. Become true Intentional Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

*Aboona James*

#### *Pilgrimage*

*We are sponsoring a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from April 23 to May 2, 2018. There are brochures as well as a flyer in the back of the Church.. If you have any questions please call either Tony Tannoussis, Marleine Aflak or the Rectory.*

#### *Maronite Christian Formation*

*If you have not signed up your children for Religious Education classes please do so today. The Handbook and schedule for the year is available for all interested parties.*

#### *Adult Formation*

*The first session will be on September 17, 2017 at 10:00 am in the Lower Hall.*

#### *Immaculate Conception and Knights of Saint Maron*

*I ask that all men and women of the organizations please remain in Church for a joint meeting in preparation for the Patriarch's visit. we will then break into individual meetings.*

#### *Maronite Youth Organization*

*September 17, 2017 immediately following the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.*

#### *Arabic Classes*

*Leila Vogl is taking registrations for Arabic classes. They will once again be offered on Sunday mornings from 10:00 am till 11:15 am.*

#### *Prayers for the Sick*

*We ask that you remember all those who are either in the hospital, home bound or in nursing homes.*

#### *Pre-Cana*

*All couples preparing for the Mystery of Crowning (Marriage) must attend the Pre-Cana course. So far we have 4 couples who will be attending this Fall Session on Saturday, September 23, 2017. The day begins with Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am followed by a variety of activities. It is free for all couples wishing to Marry between now and Great Lent of 2018. The next session will be held sometime in late Winter or early Spring. Please register by calling the Cathedral Office during regularly scheduled office hours.*

#### *Annual Eparchial Dinner*

*The Eighth Annual Benefit Dinner for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn will take place on Thursday, October 5, 2017, in New York City. This will be a very special Dinner, as we will honor Dr. Josyann Abisaab and Habib Kairouz! All friends and supporters of the Maronite Church are invited. You may register for the dinner online via the Eparchy's website ([www.stmaron.org](http://www.stmaron.org)), or you may obtain a printed invitation for the Dinner from me or by sending an email to [saintmaron@yahoo.com](mailto:saintmaron@yahoo.com). Please consider attending this important event to support the Eparchy.*

#### *Sajj Sunday*

*Next Sunday we will have a Sajj sale immediately following the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. We will be selling Sajj in the driveway. This is in conjunction with the Montague Street Fair. Join in on the fun.*

#### *Thought for the Week*

*If you would understand that the cross is Christ's triumph, hear what he himself also said:*

*"When I am lifted up, then I will draw all men to myself."*

*Now you can see that the cross is Christ's glory and triumph.*

*- Saint Andrew of Crete-*

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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Friday at 10:00 AM

Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Holy Days at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month from

10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.

## Reconciliation

10:15 AM to 10:45 Sunday

11:00 AM to 11:45 AM First Friday and  
upon Request.

## Initiation Rites (Baptism—Chrismation)

Parents and Godparents must meet  
with the Rector for Instructions and  
then a time will be set for the Baptism  
and Chrismation of the child.

## Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)

Rector must be notified at least six  
months in advance to set up  
instructions.

## Hospital and Sick Calls

Notify the Rector as soon as possible.

## New Parishioners

All are welcome at Our Lady of  
Lebanon Cathedral. Please notify the  
Rector as soon as possible.

